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# HALE AHI NEWS

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## IMPORTANT DATES

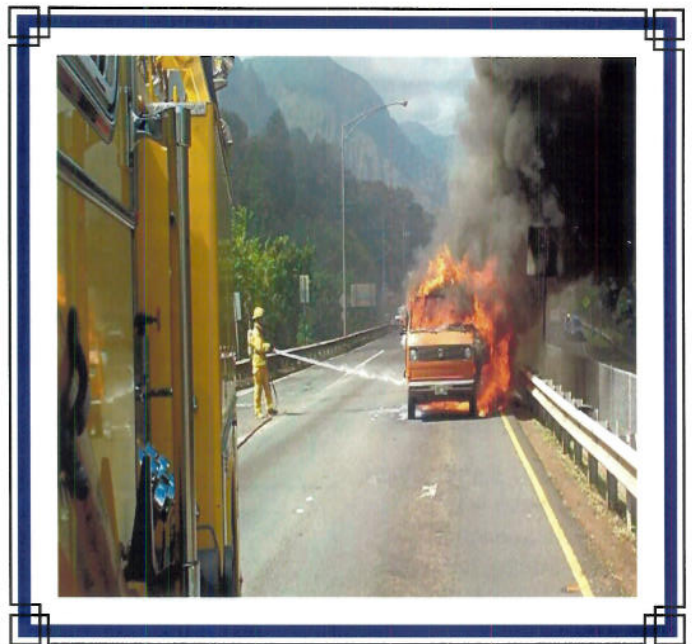
- Sunday, April 13, 2003  
Gabe's Fundraiser
- Friday, April 18, 2003  
Good Friday
- Sunday, April 20, 2003  
Easter Sunday
- Sunday, May 11, 2003  
Mother's Day
- Monday, May 26, 2003  
Memorial Day
- Wednesday, June 11, 2003  
Kamehameha Day
- Sunday, June 15, 2003  
Father's Day
- Friday, June 13, 2003  
Retirees' Meeting
- Wednesday, July 2, 2003  
Retirees' Luncheon

## HFD QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER JAN - MAR '03

**M**ahalo for all of the generous and glowing comments about the HFD newsletter that was distributed in December. There were many phone calls and e-mails from near and far complimenting the newsletter. We hope to provide active, as well as retired, members of the HFD ohana with continued information and articles of interest.

Please continue to send in your suggestions, articles, pictures, recipes, and e-mails for items that you would like to see in future editions. Your kokua will be greatly appreciated.

Submittals may be made to Battalion Chief Eric Adams at the Bn. 4/3 (Kapolei Fire Station) via e-mail at eadams@co.honolulu.hi.us. Should you have any questions, he may be reached at 682-0534.



**FFI David Leandro (E39/1) at a fully-involved auto fire on the Pali Highway**

## JOHN HENRY FELIX - FRIEND OF THE FIRE SERVICE



**Councilmember Felix receiving plaque and award**

**H**FD recognized former City Councilmember John Henry Felix for his years of service to the Department. The Certificate read: "During the past 16 years, Councilmember John Henry Felix has provided extraordinary service and continuous support to the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). His list of accomplishments as a member of the City Council include many that were instrumental in improving the fire service in Hawaii, in particular the passage of the automatic fire sprinkler retrofit laws for hotels and

commercial buildings, the HFD's Automatic External Defibrillator Program, and the formation of the Honolulu Fire Commission. In his support of the Department, he has displayed the qualities of a true fire fighter: pride, service, dedication. It is with great pleasure that we recognize him with the rank of Honorary Fire Chief of the HFD. John Henry Felix has been a true friend of the HFD, and his presence on the front line will be greatly missed."





## PRIDE, SERVICE, DEDICATION

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**Attilio K. Leonardi**  
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### Hale Ahi News

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## Mission Statement

The mission of the Honolulu Fire Department is to respond to fires, emergency medical incidents, hazardous materials incidents, and rescues on land and sea to save lives, property, and the environment. We accomplish this mission by:

- Promoting safety and maintaining a well-equipped, highly-trained, and motivated force of professional fire fighters and rescue personnel
- Promoting fire prevention and other public safety education programs

## Vision Statement

The Honolulu Fire Department will continuously strive to meet the changing needs of our community by providing a modern and technologically advanced department. We will do this by maintaining a high level of readiness and by focusing on the professional development and training of all our personnel.

# FROM THE FIRE CHIEF ...

**D**uring the past five years, we have spent a lot of time, energy, and funds to upgrade our equipment and to modernize the Honolulu Fire Department (HFD). By providing each station with Internet access, we were able to implement our own intranet system, in addition to giving employees their own e-mail addresses. The majority of our reports are computerized and integrated with the Records Management System, which allows immediate access to everything we do. The Department will continually strive to provide personnel with state-of-the-art equipment to maximize time and efficiency.

As we enter the final quarter



of the fiscal year, we must realize that the City, as well as the State, is in dire financial constraints. It is no secret that we were asked to curtail and trim our budget. The HFD and the Honolulu Police Department were the only two departments that were spared budget cuts for the past nine years. For FY 2004, all departments were asked to submit a budget based on a 1% cut of their

FY 2003 budget. However, we were able to justify our budget and to increase our proposed budget by .9%.

We are still able to maintain our current level of services and to continue with most of our training programs, which include EMT-B, hazardous materials, and terrorism/ weapons of mass destruction. Several upcoming issues are collective bargaining increases, rank for rank recall, and being able to continue to meet our training requirements. Although things look bleak, the HFD has always been able to maintain and weather the storm. You have all stepped up to the plate and continue to show the public what it means to serve them with Pride, Service, Dedication.



### TOP RUNS

JANUARY, 2002

TO

DECEMBER 2002

### 2002 Run Statistics

|                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| <b>Fire</b>           | <b>2,917</b>  |
| <b>Medical/Rescue</b> | <b>17,151</b> |
| <b>Hazmat</b>         | <b>1,708</b>  |
| <b>Service Calls</b>  | <b>1,284</b>  |
| <b>Good Intent</b>    | <b>5,529</b>  |
| <b>False Calls</b>    | <b>1,575</b>  |
| <b>Others</b>         | <b>25</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>30,189</b> |

### ENGINES

|      |       |
|------|-------|
| E-42 | 1,163 |
| E-1  | 1,118 |
| E-28 | 996   |
| E-3  | 915   |
| E-16 | 891   |
| E-10 | 861   |
| E-24 | 841   |
| E-32 | 835   |

### LADDERS

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| L-2                      | 1,542 |
| L-7                      | 1,097 |
| Q-12                     | 1,021 |
| Q-26                     | 972   |
| <b><u>Bn. Chiefs</u></b> |       |
| Bn. 1                    | 444   |
| Bn. 2                    | 365   |
| Bn. 5                    | 355   |

## 2002 RETIREES' CELEBRATION DINNER

For the fourth year in a row, HFD, with assistance from HFFA, the Welfare Fund, and the Friends of the Fire House, honored its past year retirees. On February 21, 2003, a dinner was held at the Pacific Beach Hotel to "Let's Honor Our Retirees." This was a thank you party to recognize the retirees of 2002. Of the 42 personnel who retired this past year, 31 personnel and their guests were treated to a delicious buffet dinner and friendship honoring their combined 1,044 years of service to

the Honolulu Fire Department. The dinner was organized by HFD and hosted by the Fire Prevention Bureau. Glenn Solem served as emcee, and William Melemai III produced a video montage of the retirees depicting their changing appearances in ten year increments. Each retiree was presented with a plaque with their original badge mounted, his recent year-book photo, and a refurbished helmet that was used 20 to 30 years ago. Entertainment was provided by Fire House.





# HEALTH WATCH: FITNESS AND WELLNESS

## Honolulu Fire Department's Physical Fitness and Wellness Program

Throughout the history of the fire service, the proper implementation of fitness programs in fire departments has been extensively debated. Repeatedly, research has shown the need for high levels of aerobic fitness, muscular fitness, and flexibility to perform safely and effectively in the fire service. Physical fitness is critical to maintaining the wellness of all personnel, and, therefore, fitness must be incorporated into the overall fire service philosophy.

The HFD has recently received funds from the 2002 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for Fire Operations and Safety to enable all stations to have strengthening equipment and to establish a physical fitness and wellness assessment center. In the privacy of the assessment center, each member will be able to confidentially receive, at no cost to the member, a complete physical fitness and wellness assessment, which includes the following:

- 1) Complete Blood Work
  - Lipid profile (cholesterol and triglycerides)
  - Blood sugar
  - Liver function
  - Other blood values
- 2) Aerobic Assessment
  - Treadmill Assessment measuring Aerobic capacity
- 3) Muscle Fitness Assessment
  - Muscle Strength Assessment - Grip, arm, leg, and back strength
  - Muscle Endurance Assessment - Sit-ups and push-ups
- 4) Flexibility Assessment - Sit and Reach Measurement
- 5) Body Composition Assessment

From the results of the physical fitness and wellness assessment, each member will be provided recommendations on how to maintain or increase physical fitness levels.

The purchase of the weight lifting equipment for each station will arrive within a few months. The assessment center will soon be up and running, and we will be looking for volunteers to

participate in a pilot program. The blood work assessment will start in the latter part of 2003. In addition to the weight lifting equipment, blood work, and the assessment center, we will be contracting a medical doctor to oversee the program. Members will be solicited to participate in a Certified Fitness Coordinator's certification course sometime in the summer of 2003. If you have any comments or concerns regarding the HFD's Physical Fitness and Wellness Program, please call Nathan Kapule, Station 5/1st Platoon, at 523-4669.



## FIRE PREVENTION - BC LLOYD ROGERS

### Night Inspections

The Fire Prevention Bureau's (FPB) night inspection program was discontinued in September 1995. Since then, the Honolulu Fire Department had been addressing complaints relating to overcrowding on a case-by-case basis through the FPB or Fire Operations personnel. In response to the recent tragedies in Rhode Island and Chicago, the FPB re-initiated its night inspection program in March. Fire Inspectors will be surveying assembly occupancies to address fire code violations, particularly overcrowding, locked or obstructed exits, and fire protection appliances. Inspectors will check assembly permits, open flame/pyrotechnic displays, and flame retardant decorative material. If violations are found, Inspectors will work with the business' manager to correct each violation. If cooperation with compliance cannot be obtained, Inspectors will seek

assistance from the Liquor Commission. The Honolulu Police Department, Battalion Chiefs of the affected location, and the first-in engine company may also be requested. HFD's primary concern is life safety for the people of the City and County of Honolulu and the prevention of any type of tragedy from occurring within our community.

### Pyrotechnic Displays

The FPB issues Public Display permits involving pyrotechnic devices under Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) 132D and the HFD's Administrative Rules. These displays are classified into two categories, outdoor and indoor. The latter is also known as "Pyrotechnics Before a Proximate Audience." Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health (HIOSH) had required a Certificate of Fitness license for operators of outdoor pyrotechnic displays, but had not required a license for operators of indoor displays. The State Fire Council (SFC) sent letters to HIOSH requesting that they license the indoor operators as well. The SFC cited the increased amounts of indoor displays, the potential dan-



ger for large numbers of people, and the need for minimum pyrotechnic operator qualifications. After thoroughly researching the matter, HIOSH recently announced that it would be licensing the operators of indoor pyrotechnics and officially thanked the SFC for its persistence on the matter. Recognition is extended to former SFC Administrator, Assistant Chief Kenneth Silva, and SFC Administrative Assistant, Fire Captain Ricky Muramoto.







## RECIPE

### WESTSIDE BRAISED OX TAILS (Wesley Taniyama)

#### Ingredients:

10 lbs. of ox tails  
2 small bell peppers  
6 stalks celery  
2 medium onions  
Stewed tomatoes  
Tomato sauce  
1/2 a bulb of garlic  
Oil for frying  
Tabasco  
Garlic salt  
Red wine  
Pepper  
Oyster sauce  
Worcestershire sauce  
Sugar

Season ox tails with garlic salt and pepper and brown in skillet until the ox tails are seared completely. Place in a large roasting pan. Pour red wine (1 1/2 cups) and cover the ox tails with the garlic and vegetables. Add Tabasco (to taste), Worcestershire sauce (2 Tbsp.), and about 1/2 cup of oyster sauce. Cover with 2 cans of stewed tomatoes (15 oz.) and 4 cans of tomato sauce (15 oz.). Sprinkle the top with 2 Tbsp. of sugar and cover with lid. Place in oven (preheated to 325 degrees) for 2 hours, stir, and taste. Adjust the flavor to your liking and add more wine if the sauce is too thick. The ox tails are done when a thick layer of fat is floating on top, approximately 1-2 hours. Ox tails should be fork tender. Skim fat, taste, and readjust the flavor if needed. The sauce should be the right consistency without adding cornstarch and water.



## FIRE OPERATIONS

### ASSISTANT CHIEF CHARLES WASSMAN

**T**wenty-eight years ago I entered the Honolulu Fire Department. I was anxious and unsure of what to expect. It wasn't my first job and it definitely wouldn't be my last. Through the course of that journey, I grew to understand and greatly appreciate the Department.

Throughout my career I met leaders that instilled in me the desire to make a difference. They held me accountable for my inadequacies and allowed me to expand both mentally and physically.

Being the Assistant Chief of Fire Operations is an awesome responsibility, and the position has a lot of duties. Foremost is to ensure that the safety of all personnel in Fire Operations is the primary consideration when making decisions, ensuring that adequate equipment is available,

and that we are able to provide quality services to the community.

Quality training, in my estimation, is the key to providing the type of services we would be proud to provide for our family. In 2002 when I was assigned my present position, I wanted to convey my thoughts, philosophy, and expectations to the Battalion Chiefs assigned to Fire Operations. My staff and I came up with the idea of developing a "WOW" manual specifically for the Battalion Chiefs.

The manual has many different aspects and functions to it, but it also details the philosophies that I wished to reinforce. I offer all the readers of this newsletter those same philosophies:

- \* Be the best fire service organization we can be.
- \* Provide quality services in a safe manner and strive for self-improvement.

- \* Strive to be local area experts.
- \* Incident decision shall be based on "LIP"  
L - Life Safety  
I - Incident Stabilization  
P - Property Conservation
- \* Treat everyone as if they are a fire fighter's family member.
- \* Create an environment that promotes excellence.
- \* Be positive rather than negative; make a difference.
- \* Allow individuals to step up to the plate with confidence that they can swing the bat. Support sincere effort and provide direction for those that need it.

These philosophies still ring true as they did 28 years ago, and I hope that we never lose sight of why we are here.

## TRAINING BUREAU - BC LIONEL CAMARA

**T**he Training and Research Bureau (TRB) has experienced a change in command, as Battalion Chief Edmund Suzuki has been assigned to the Occupational Safety and Health Office in the Administrative Services Bureau. Chief Suzuki's hard work and dedication will be sorely missed.

Replacing Chief Suzuki is Battalion Chief Lionel Camara, formerly assigned to Battalion 4/1. As Chief Camara takes over the TRB, he will be faced with the tough challenge of a constantly rotating staff. As possible solutions to attract and retain personnel, Assistant Chief Kenneth

Silva and I are exploring different incentive packages. While many of these ideas have been explored before, the new demands/responsibilities being placed on the TRB requires the need for continuity.

The 86<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class started on March 3, 2003. The 44 new recruits will be undergoing 23 weeks of intensive training that will test their limits mentally and physically. The Recruit Training Officers request that Department personnel not speak to the recruits, as the recruits have been instructed not to speak to Depart-

ment personnel unless they are being officially addressed. Speaking to any recruit will create a very awkward situation for that recruit and may be interpreted as a violation by the recruit.

If anyone needs to speak to a member of the 86<sup>th</sup> Recruit Class, they must get clearance from the Lead Recruit Training Officer, Fire Captain Richard Faria. This will prevent any recruit from being unjustly disciplined or prevent any misconception of "special treatment."

### HFD MOBILE COMMAND CENTER

The Department has purchased a Mobile Command Center for use at major incidents. At a cost of \$476,000, this 32-foot vehicle will be outfitted with the latest in computer and telecommunications equipment and video accessories to allow for use as an information center, unified command post, weather forecasting station, and incident management. The unit is expected to go into service later this year.





## SPORTING LIFE

2003 WESTSIDE FIRE  
INVITATIONAL  
SURF CONTEST RESULTS

This surfing contest was held at the Army Rest Camp Area in Waianae on February 12, 2003.

**Short Board 18-34**

- 1st Alike Winter  
2nd Austin Kaiu  
3rd John Powell (FFD)

**Short Board 35-49**

- 1st Ernest Akana Jr.  
2nd Steve Kohn  
3rd Kevin Meyer (Corrections)

**Short Board 50 and Over**

- 1st Arthur Rego (FFD)  
2nd Godfrey Akaka

**Long Board 18-34**

- 1st Austin Kaiu  
2nd Alike Winter  
3rd Lee Ellis HPD

**Long Board 35-49**

- 1st Kahekili Kealoha  
2nd Jay Rush  
3rd Destry Flores

**Long Board 50 and Over**

- 1st Barry Bloomfield  
2nd Roland Ohata (HPD)  
3rd Arthur Rego (FFD)

**Long Board (Open Div.)**

- 1st Kahekili Kealoha  
2nd Austin Kaiu  
3rd Alike Winter

**Body Board (Open Div.)**

- 1st John Powell  
2nd Jason Racoma  
3rd Keola Maricio

**Women (Open Div.)**

- 1st Doreen Teramae (HPD)  
2nd Cecily Kaiu  
3rd Ofa Wolfgram

**HFD SOFTBALL****Keehi Lagoon Fields****Semis**

- Bn.2/2 (W) vs. Bn.3/2 (L)  
Bn.5/3 (W) vs. Bn.5/2 (L)

**Finals**

- Bn.2/2 (W) vs. Bn.5/3 (L)

**Note:**

Bn.2/1 was the only team to go 8-0, but was not able to play in the tournament due to a schedule conflict (somebody had to work).

**WAIKIKI VOLLEYBALL  
TOURNAMENT**

On February 22, Waikiki Station hosted another successful tournament enjoyed by members and families. This all day tournament had 21 teams in an A and B bracket.

Congratulations to Jay Whalen (40/2), Lee Marquez (R1/2) and Andrew Canyon (14/2) for capturing the A division, and Peter Comilla, Art Akiona, and Nate Ramos (all from 17/2) for the B's division. Mahalo to Sta. 7/2 personnel for hosting, and Kimo Apana and Keoki Kaalele for organizing. See you next year!

## CISM

**"HFD and CISM"**

HFD and CISM is a regular newsletter feature to promote general awareness of the importance of Critical Incident Stress Management as a resource for HFD personnel.

1. Definition of CISM (688.01)
2. Critical Incidents (688.01)

CISM is an emergency personnel support service provided for fire employees by the Department and is initiated when employees have been exposed to a critical incident. Critical incidents that require immediate CISM response are serious injuries, deaths, or suicides of any fire employee; major disasters, mass casualties, or multiple fatalities; incidents in which the victim is a family member or is known to the fire employee; and all incidents for which requests are made by an Incident Commander.

Other examples of critical incidents include death or severe trauma to children, that illicit profound emotional responses, that attract extensive media coverage, or any unusual incident.

## GYO FISH !!!!

BC MANUEL NEVES - BN5/3



What do you do with a desire to help others and a bachelor's degree in fine art? You become a Honolulu fire fighter, what else? Such is the case with Fire fighter Reid Yoshida of E10/3. Expressing some interest in ceramics as a student at Iolani School, Reid went on to receive a bachelor's degree in fine art with an emphasis in oil painting and ceramics from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Yoshida joined the HFD in November 1999 and has capitalized on our great work schedule to pursue both of his passions. About three years ago, Reid began working with gyotaku

("gyo" meaning fish and "taku" meaning impression), which is an ancient Japanese art form. Normally printed on rice paper or fabric, Reid is now the only person to perform this technique on clay. He uses pure white porcelain and thus far has imprinted and painted more than 30 Hawaiian reef fish. "The natural and intricate impressions printed with the fish onto wet clay make an aesthetically pleasing work of art," said Yoshida. In November 2002, his artwork was part of a presentation at Nohea Gallery's Ward Warehouse location.

Turning the plate on the wheel and then imprinting the fish has to be done in one continuous process. "The hardest part is working with clay," states Yoshida. "It's best when the weather is wet and humid so the clay doesn't dry

as quickly."

So if you get your hands on a nice piece of fish and want to immortalize it as a ceramic piece of art, give Reid a call. Even if it is not suitable for artwork, the gang at E10/3 will gladly help "immortalize" your catch as a part of their dinner meal.





## Christmas Display Awards

The results of the past year's Christmas display winners

### 1st Place Kakaako Station



### 2nd Place Nuuanu Station



### 3rd Place Kailua Station



**Congratulations  
to the  
Winners!**

## RETIREEES' REALM

### HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT'S RETIREEES' ASSOCIATION

The Honolulu Fire Department's (HFD) Retirees' Association is grateful and extends their aloha to Fire Chief Attilio Leonardi, Deputy Fire Chief John Clark, the fire personnel of the HFD, and the Friends of the Firehouse for providing a wonderful and enjoyable day at the Training Center for the 100+ retirees and their families. The Department's display and the live demonstration of the use of the new equipment was informative and captivating for our retirees. Our retirees appreciated the luncheon and entertainment by the FireHouse musicians.

**Attention all retirees and active members:** The State's 2003 Twenty-second Legislative Session has a number of legislative bills that may affect your retirement benefits through the collective bargaining process of the State Employees' Retirement System's plan that is currently available to all retirees and active HFD members. Check on these bills online at: [www.captiol.hawaii.gov/](http://www.captiol.hawaii.gov/). There are two ways to access this information: 1) go to search, enter key words "Fire-Retirement-Health Fund-Collective Bargaining Unit 11" and 2) go to bill status and documents, enter bill number

(example: HB1112 or SB2356). You may also search for information by clicking on the status box, the text box, or the committee report box. Retirees or active members must be aware that the title of the bill may not have the same intent as the "body" of the bill, therefore, please read the bill in its entirety to understand what the bill is all about. Should you begin to track a particular bill, you must check on the status of the bill throughout this legislative session, as the "body" and the "intent" of the bill may change or may be "held in committee." At the end of this legislative session, check on the "final" status of the bill you are tracking.

**Retirees meeting update:** March 14, 2003, at 9:30 a.m., at the HFD's Training Center. All members and new retirees are welcome. Annual dues are \$5. Attend the meeting to receive updated information and associate with your fellow fire fighters and their spouses.

Present officers of the Retirees' Association are:  
President - Donald Chang  
Vice President - Francis Aiu  
Secretary - Michael Zablan  
Treasurer - Melvin Mendonca

#### Board Of Directors:

Hardy Akau, Peter Akiona, Gideon Awa, Frank Kahoonahano, Tony Pascua, and August Range.

Due to numerous inquiries, Chief Leonardi is making a one-time offer to those wishing to purchase a koa plaque with a mounted Department badge. These are the same plaques that have been awarded to our retirees at the last few retirement ceremonies. Interested personnel should contact Fire 2's office at **831-7772, before April 30**. Prices, which include shipping, are as follows:

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, |       |
| Assistant Chief:          | \$154 |
| Battalion Chief           | \$114 |
| Captain:                  | \$96  |
| Member:                   | \$84  |

The plaque is as pictured below:



## THE 2ND RETIREEES APPRECIATION DAY - FEBRUARY 6, 2003

The 2nd Retirees Appreciation Day was held on February



6, 2003, at the Charles H. Thurston Training Center. Retirees and their guests were treated to a luncheon, and an update by Fire 1 on the state of the Department. Assistant Chief of Fire Operations Charles Wassman had his troops perform an Auto Extraction Drill, a Medical Response Drill, and a demonstration of the CPAT (Candidate

Physical Agility Test) for the retirees.







## PROMOTIONS



Congratulations to the following personnel who were promoted during the 3rd quarter:

### January 15, 2003 BATTALION CHIEFS

Rolland Harvest  
John Leong  
Edward Simeona

### March 1, 2003 FIRE CAPTAINS

Raymond Anami  
Wayne Char  
Dudley Dias  
Kurt Doane  
Lester Hashimoto  
Daniel Kapuniai Jr.  
Kennard Kong  
Arthur Leong  
Elliot Mattos  
William Melemai III  
Roy Murakami  
Bert Nakamura  
Gregory Poole

Luke Sakanashi  
Wendell Soo  
Dwight Souza  
Anthony Sung  
Gordon Tamarra  
John Yoshimoto Jr.  
Ronald Yoshimoto

Interviews were held at the beginning of March to fill 20 Fire Fighter III positions.

## "THIS IS CONTROL" FIRE COMMUNICATION CENTER

### BC Edward Simeona

It has been a long wait, but the Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVL) are now being installed in our apparatuses. Initially, the five Battalion Chief vehicles were fitted with the new units as a test phase. Although the tests are still ongoing, the actual phase one apparatus installation has begun. In concurrence with Fire 3's office, certain battalions and apparatuses have been identified as being in phase one install, which includes all engines and ladders of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> battalions. Subsequent purchases will allow other vehicles (yet to be selected) the AVL to be installed in shortly

thereafter. The target date for completion of installation, testing, and HFD being fully "On-Line" is April 15, 2003.

### Some information on the AVL:

- >Resources (apparatuses) are tracked by their last known position
- >Very accurate initial apparatus assign recommendations (CADS)
- >Position of apparatuses, including out of first-in area vehicles, is factored into initial assignments
- >Reduces crisscrossing responses
- >Status changes made in the individual apparatus, thereby minimizing voice transmissions

- o Responding
- o At Scene
- o Available
- o In Quarters

>Incident Commander at the scene of a large incident will have the capability of knowing where all of his/her resources are located from within the command vehicle.

If desired, the Department can see positions of Emergency Medical Services vehicles and vice versa. We are not using it as a "Big Brother," but rather a tool to ensure that the most appropriate vehicle is the quickest to reach that incident. The AVL will enable us to communicate critical and/or valuable information to the end user – "The Field Personnel."



### Norman E. Ahakuelo Fire Commissioner



Norman E. Ahakuelo was one of five commissioners appointed by Mayor Jeremy Harris in 1997 and approved by the City Council to serve on the initial Fire Commission.

In addition to selecting the Fire Chief, the fire commissioners are required to review his performance and the Department's annual budget and to hear complaints from citizens regarding the Department or its personnel.

Mr. Ahakuelo served six years and his term expired at the end of 2002. Mayor Jeremy Harris is in the process of appointing his successor, pending City Council approval. The Department would like to thank Mr. Ahakuelo for his years of dedicated service and support and wishes him well in his future endeavors. Mahalo nui loa.



## HALE AHI NEWS OF YESTERDAY

SEPTEMBER 5, 1960 NO. 19 W. K. BLAISDELL, FIRE CHIEF

Over 100 people were present at the retirement dinner held July 30, 1960 at the Queen's Surf, honoring retirees W. Ahia, G. Leong, M. Miyahana, and D. Van Gieson. Service awards were presented to seven members and one member was presented with a Special Award. For outstanding contributions to the City and Department, six citizens were given honorary awards and citations.

Department personnel who were involved in operations at the riot-fire incident at the State Prison on Dillingham Boulevard, on

July 28, experienced a phase of fire fighting that they had no idea they ever would be engaged in. It is a credit to the Department that these members went about the performance of their duties in true fire service fashion

Personnel of Ladder 3, assisted by members of Engine 9, demonstrated operations of a ladder company on the "Danger Honolulu" show on August 6, 1960.

**"WARNING: TO AVOID  
HARDSHIP AND  
CONFUSION SHOULD  
ANYTHING HAPPEN  
TO AN EMPLOYEE, IT  
IS SUGGESTED THAT  
HE CHECK ALL  
ANGLES WITH  
REGARDS TO HIS  
BENEFICIARIES,  
ETC."**



## **Rumours Gabe & Friends**

Rumours Nightclub  
Ala Moana Hotel



Entertainment by:

*Melween Lead  
Cecilia & Kompany  
Mel Cabang  
Henry Kapono  
Joe House  
Kelly Bay DeLima*

**Sunday, April 13, 2003  
4:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Includes two standard drinks  
Pupus served from 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Must be 21 years and older  
**\$20**



### **Fundraiser for Edward Gabriel**

Please join us at a fundraiser for retired Fire Captain Edward Gabriel to assist in defraying some of his medical costs.

As the Community Relations Officer with the Department, "Gabe" provided much needed assistance to the families of fallen fire fighters. His guidance through those difficult times was often a godsend to the families. On his own, he also took care of the HFD section at Oahu Cemetery.

He also was instrumental in organizing the original Hale Ahi Band and assisted with countless Department functions, including the credit union parties and the successful Metro Chiefs Conference.

Details are printed on the ticket replica above. Presale tickets are available for \$20 at headquarters (\$25 at the door). Contact your Battalion Chief, Wayne Nojiri at 831-7776, Rod Kubo at 831-7747, or Lynn Takahara at 831-7740. Donations will also be accepted.

## **ANNIVERSARIES JANUARY TO MARCH 2003**

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**



#### **40 YEARS**

Edward Amina  
Walter Makaula

Ryan Kaleo  
David Kawasaki  
Patrick Kekua  
Eric Kumai  
Grant Marcus  
Michael McBride

#### **25 YEARS**

Joseph Manupau  
Melvin Pang  
Creighton Young

Scott Mosher  
Richard Ochoa  
Sigmund Oka  
James Oshiro  
Geoffrey Shon  
Edward Simeona

#### **20 YEARS**

Marilyn Amemiya  
David Chabriel  
Wayne Char  
David Dela Cruz  
Vernon Enriques

#### **15 YEARS**

Sherry Perreira

## **CIVILIAN CORNER**

### **TERRY RAQUEDAN**

PERSONNEL ASSISTANT

Terry came to the HFD via the Department of Transportation in July of 1999. When asked what she liked best about the Department, she said that she enjoys the environment and the people that she works with, especially the "Sisterhood," as the civilian females of the Department are better known as.



Terry has been married for 33 years to Robert Raquedan and has five daughters and ten grandchildren. Along with interacting with her grandchildren, she loves going to Las Vegas, reading, sewing, and learning new arts and crafts projects with her fellow "sistas."

Terry deals with all of the personnel issues for the Department: payroll, hiring, firing, promotions, drug tests, physicals. You name it! She is always willing to help wherever she can, which is why she was awarded the 2002 HFD civilian Employee of the Year Award. She is supervised by AC Alvin Tomita and can be reached at 831-7233.

## **RETIREMENTS**

### **DECEMBER 31, 2002**

**Alan Arakaki - Captain**  
Jan. 16, 1976 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**Dennis Clement - Captain**  
Oct. 16, 1971 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**Kevin Kaneshiro - Captain**  
Nov. 18, 1974 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**Paul Kohara - Captain**  
Jan. 23, 1978 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**John Nakamura - Captain**  
Mar. 16, 1972 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**Francis Puana - Captain**  
Nov. 16, 1972 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**John Rabago - Captain**  
Oct. 1, 1971 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**Thomas Roblin - Captain**  
Nov. 8, 1976 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**Reuben Song - Captain**  
Jan. 24, 1977 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**Aaron Young - Captain**  
Jan. 3, 1972 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**Peter Gonsalves - FF III**  
Feb. 24, 1975 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**Eric Parker - FF III**  
Oct. 16, 1967 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**William Souza - FF III**  
April 16, 1971 - Dec. 31, 2002

**Michael Wilson - FF III**  
Jan. 16, 1976 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**Richard Young - FF III**  
Feb. 24, 1975 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**Bernard Ho - FF I**  
Mar. 23, 1970 - Dec. 31, 2002  
**Royce Kono - FF I**  
Aug. 1, 1977 - Dec. 31, 2002

### **FEBURARY 1, 2003**

**Richard Soo - Captain**  
Jan. 16, 1976 - Feb. 1, 2003  
**Alan Masuda - FF I**  
Jan. 23, 1978 - Feb. 1, 2003  
**Garner Okinaga - FF I**  
Jan. 23, 1978 - Feb. 1, 2003

### **MARCH 1, 2003**

**Keith Komatsubara - FF I**  
Jan. 23, 1978 - Mar. 1, 2003  
**Lonnie Equires - Mechanic**  
Apr. 25, 1978 - Mar. 1, 2003

**MAHALO & ALOHA**

